

HOUSE No. 1701

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition of John J. Binienda and others for legislation to increase the benefits payable to veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John J. Binienda	Barbara A. L'Italien
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING VETERANS BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—
4 Effective July first of every year, subject to appropriation, the
5 commissioner shall increase the basic budget to be paid to each
6 eligible recipient, before taking into consideration any available
7 income and resources, by a percentage amount equal to the per-
8 centage rise in the United States Consumer Price Index for Jan-
9 uary first over the level of said index for January first of the
10 previous year plus such additional percentage amount as is recom-
11 mended annually by said commissioner and appropriated by the
12 General Court.